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SUBJECT: URUGUAYAN DEFENSE MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR SURPLUS
HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

FOR GEN ROSSON FROM CHARGE

1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE, DR. WALTER RAVENNA, CALLED ME IN YESTERDAY (JULY 11) TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL INTEREST AND DEEP CONCERN OVER THE SHORTAGE OF HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE INTERIOR. HE TOLD ME THE MEDICAL FACILITIES OF THESE INSTALLATIONS GIVE SOME 200,000 CIVILIANS MEDICAL ATTENTION ANNUALLY. DR. RAVENNA, WHO IS A MEDICAL DOCTOR WITH A NOTABLE RECORD IN THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT AS MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAID HE BELIEVED IT WAS A MATTER OF GREAT PRIORITY TO BE ABLE ADEQUATELY TO EQUIP THESE MEDICAL FACILITIES. AN EARLIER REQUEST FROM URUGUAYAN DEFENSE MINISTRY TO AID FOR SURPLUS HOSPITAL SETS DECLARED EXCESS BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, HAS NOW COME UP AGAINST THE OBSTACLE THAT UNDER AID REGULATIONS SUCH SETS ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MILITARY SERVICES.

2. MINISTER RAVENNA ASKED IF I WOULD FORWARD TO YOU HIS REQUEST WITH MY ENDORSEMENT THAT IT BE ASCERTAINED IF SURPLUS
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TARY CHANNELS. THE COMMANDER OF USMILGRP, THROUGH SEPARATE CHANNELS, WILL COMMUNICATE THE APPROXIMATE NEEDS AS INDICATED TO US BY THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE. I UNDERSTAND THE MINISTRY IS PREPARED TO PAY SHIPPING AND OTHER COSTS DESPITE A CHRONIC SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

3. BY TELEPHONE I HAVE ASKED AID IF SOME WAY CAN BE FOUND TO TRANSFER TO DOD SEVEN HOSPITAL SETS NOW RESERVED FOR URUGUAY SO THEY COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MILITARY RECIPIENTS WHICH IS NOT POSSIBLE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. I SHALL FOLLOW UP BY TELEGRAM BUT AM NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC OUR RED TAPE WILL PERMIT THIS LOGICAL MOVE.

4. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE A REVIEW BY YOUR STAFF AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING AVAILABLE SUCH EQUIPMENT THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS.
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